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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

DUTCH PROPOSAL ON "IMMEDIATE NEEDS" (ITEM 19)

REF: STATE 165909

1. SUMMARY. THE DUTCH HAVE REVISED THEIR PROPOSAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS COUNTRY DELS. THEY HAVE CLARIFIED WHERE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE UN SYSTEM WOULD BE. A FURTHER MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HELD JULY 22. END SUMMARY.

2. DUE TO CONFLICTING MEETINGS, THE INFORMAL GROUP TO COONSIDER THE DUTCH PROPOSAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS WAS COMPOSED OF ONLY ABOUT 15 COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES. SUPPORTERS OF THE RESOLUTION WERE DENMARK, AUSTRIA, PORTUGAL, PHILIPPINES AND PAKISTAN. (PAKISTAN INDICATED MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION.) THE USSR WAS FLATLY OPPOSED; COLOMBIA HAD RESERVATIONS ON SPECIFIC PARAS (WHICH HAVE FOR THE MOST PART BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE REVISED VERSION PREPARED BY THE DUTCH AFTER THE MEETING, SET FORTH AS PARA 7 BELOW);

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THE NORWEGIANS MADE REFERENCE TO THE SPECIAL FUND EXPERIENCE AND SUGGESTED A SLOWER APPROACH MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE.

3 CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND EXPRESSEED CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. THESE APPEAR TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR THE MOST PART IN THE REVISED TEXT BY (A) HAVING ONLY A COORDINATING

FUNCTION FOR HEADQUARTERS WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
TAKING THE LEAD IN SPECIFIC CASES THUS REQUIRING VERY
MODEST HEADQUARTER RESOURCES; (B) STRESSING STRENGTHENING
OF THE SYSTEM AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL; (C) RECOGNIZING THAT
THE INFORMATION COLLECTION FUNCTION RESPONSIBILITIES ARE
IN UNDP AND THE RESREPS, WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
REQUESTED TO COOPERATE. NEW ZEALAND, HOWEVER, HAS ALREADY
PREPARED A REDRAFT OF PARA 5 OF THE NEW DUTCH VERSION
(SEE PARA 8 BELOW).

4. DUTCH WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE
WHICH HAS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS "BEYOND THE CONTROL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES"
AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE INDICATORS PROPOSED BY THE SYG
ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE. (SEE TEXT) IN RESPONSE TO US DEL
QUESTION DUTCH INDICATED THEIR OBJECTIVES WERE MUCH
BROADER THAN REMEDIAL ACTION FOLLOWING A NATURAL
DISASTER. RATHER THEY SAW THE PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION
AND MACHINERY TO BE CREATED AS FOCUSING ON SITUATIONS
WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE A RELIEF PROGRAM (SHELTER, BLANKETS)
NOR A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, BUT SOMETHING IN BETWEEN,
I.E. FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC EMERGENCIES. GIVEN DUTCH
EXPLANATION OF EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC EMERGENCIES CHANGES
PROPOSED REFTTEL WERE MOOT.

5. ACCORDING TO DUTCH IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT FROM MANY
COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED AT INFORMAL GROUP MEETING,
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DISCUSSIONS THEY HAVE HELD WITH IBRD/IMF AND UN AGENCIES
(OTHER THAN FAO) INDICATED THESE BODIES HAD NO PROBLEM
INASMUCH AS IT RECOGNIZES "THE VARIOUS EXISTING FORMS
OF ASSISTANCE ... IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS RENDERED
BY THE UN SYSTEM." (WE WOULD WANT FURTHER CLARIFICATION
FROM THE AGENCIES IN THIS REGARD.)

6. THE REVISED VERSION WILL BE CONSIDERED ANEW
PROBABLY JULY 22. US DEL OF THE VIEW THAT FURTHER
CLARIFICATION WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY
WOULD BE NECESSARY, AND OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR THE
NEW ZEALAND VERSION OF THE KEY OPERATIVE PARA (SEE PARA 8
BELOW). WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT GUIDANCE ASAP.

7. BEGIN TEXT
ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3510 (XXX) AND
COUNCIL DECISION 177(LXI) ENDORSED BY THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION;

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
(E/5989);

RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF
THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3510 (XXX) AND
COUNCIL DECISION 177(LXI) ENDORSED BY THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION;

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RECOGNIZING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD
PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WHICH
MIGHT SERIOUSLY DISRUPT PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND CAUSE HARMFUL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS ESPECIALLY ON THE POOREST STRATA
OF THE POPULATION AND WHICH HAVE ARISEN THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES
BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED;

REAFFIRMING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD ACT IN
SUCH EMERGENCIES IN A FLEXIBLE, COMPREHENSIVE AND CO-ORDINATED
MANNER AND CONVINCED OF THE NEED OF IMPROVING AND SYSTEMATIZING
TO THAT END THE PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES SO THAT
IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO OFFSET THEIR CONSEQUENCES:

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CONVINCED ALSO OF THE ADVISABILITY OF STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM, AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF IMPENDING EMERGENCIES;

WELCOMING THE VARIOUS EXISTING FORMS OF ASSISTANCE INCLUDING UNDRP IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS RENDERED BY THE UN SYSTEM;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING TO BEAR IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER THE COMBINED RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ASSISTING GOVERNMENTS AT A TIME OF EMERGENCIES;

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (E/5989);

1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (E/5989);
2. APPROVES ON THE BASIS OUTLINED IN PARA 6 OF THIS REPORT THE INDICATORS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR PROVIDING ADVANCE WARNING OF IMPENDING ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- WHICH COMPRISE FIRST THE FOOD SITUATION, THE HEALTH SITUATION, THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE HOUSING SITUATION AND FURTHERMORE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, INVESTMENTS, MIGRATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITION;
3. INVITES THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE RES REP'S OF UNDP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO CO-OPERATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE AND TO ASSIST AS NECESSARY IN THE ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED;
 4. URGES THE UNDP TO ENSURE THAT AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES COLLECT, CO-ORDINATE AND CHANNEL INFORMATION ABOUT IMPENDING OR EXISTING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND ASSIST IN THE APPLICATION OF RELIEF MEASURES;
 5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN ORDER EFFECTIVELY TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:
(A) ON THE BASIS OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE ABOVE MENTIONED MONITORING SYSTEM TO COMPILE, EVALUATE THE SUBMITTED INFORMATION AND ASSESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASSISTANCE ON

ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND PROVIDE ADVANCE WARNING OF IMPENDING EMERGENCIES TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED;
(B) TO ACT AS INITIATOR FOR THE PROVISION BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN AN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATION;
(C) TO ARRANGE FLEXIBLE AND PROPER CO-ORDINATION ON AN AD-HOC BASIS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, OF THE MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE;
(D) TO ASSIST IN THE MOBILIZATION OF VOLUNTARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COONTRIBUTIONS FROM POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND CO-ORDINATE SUCH ASSISTANCE WITH THAT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;
(E) TO ASSIST WHERE NECESSARY IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE DECIDED UPON BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN THE EVENT OF A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 6 BELOW;
6. DECIDES THAT, IF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EMERGENCY SO WARRANT, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MAY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, AND ON THE BASIS OF AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RELEVANT INDICATORS, PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY, IF NECESSARY IN A SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND ADOPT A PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE COMMENSURATE TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EMERGENCY WHICH HAS PROMPTED SUCH A DECISION;
7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION ON THE MEASURES TAKEN TO SET IN MOTION THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS RESOLUTION;
8. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW, ON A REGULAR BASIS, THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION.
END TEXT

8. NEW ZEALAND SUGGESTED REDRAFT OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE NETHERLANDS DRAFT PAPER NO 2 ON ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AT UN HEADQUARTERS, WITHIN EXISTING STAFF RESOURCES, FOR THE EFFECTIVE CARRYING OUT OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) THE COMPILATION AND EVALUATION OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE MONITORING SYSTEM REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3; THE ASSESSMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE

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REQUIREMENTS OF ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
AND THE PROVISION OF ADVANCE WARNING OF POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES
TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED;

(B) THE INITIATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE
AGENCIES, OF MEASURES FOR THE PROVISION BY THE UN SYSTEM
OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN AN ECONOMIC
EMERGENCY SITUATION;

(C) THE ESTABLISHMENT, THROUGH THE DESIGNATION OF A LEAD
AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION AS APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
OF FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE AD HOC COORDINATION MECHANISMS
FOR THE MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE UN
SYSTEM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN
RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE;

(D) ASSISTANCE WITH THE MOBILISATION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND
THE COORDINATION OF SUCH AID WITH THAT PROVIDED BY THE UN
SYSTEM;

(E) ASSISTANCE WHERE NECESSARY IN THE COORDINATION OF THE
PROGRAMMES OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE
DECIDED UPON BY ECOSOC IN THE EVENT OF A PROCLAMATION OF
A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 6 BELOW
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